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This standard article is compounded with the greatest care.
Its effects are as wonderful and as satisfactory as ever.
It restores gray or faded hair to its youthful color.
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A. A. Hayes, M.D., State Assayer of Massachusetts, says, "The constituents are pure, and carefully selected for excellent quality; and I consider it the BEST PREPARATION for its intended purposes."
Price, One Dollar.

Buckingham's Dye
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This elegant preparation may be relied on to change the color of the beard from gray or any other undesirable shade, to brown or black, at discretion. It is easily applied, being in one preparation, and quickly and effectually produces a permanent color, which will neither rub nor wash off.
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SEND FOR CIRCULARS AND TERMS TO
White Sewing Machine Co.,
358 Euclid Avenue,
AGENTS WANTED. CLEVELAND, O.

Fashion Notes.

Lace is worn again on everything.

Red is the fashionable color in Paris.

Foul Pry is the name of the new red parasol.

Black, white, ivory, cream, and colored laces are all in vogue.

Bonnets and hats are profusely trimmed with lace of every kind.

Pearl gray gloves are considered more stylish than ivory or cream.

Flower buds instead of the full blown blossoms are coming in vogue.

The fashionable red parasols are trimmed with cream laces or ivory silk fringes.

Ladies at the seaside are discarding flannel bathing suits for the knit combination.

Skirts of dark red silk are worn under polonaises of ivory gauze or grenadine in Paris.

Since the Prince of Wales' visit to India, Oriental fabrics are very much worn in England.

Costumes of dark dull blue foulard, relieved with red ribbon bows, are chosen for the seaside.

Blouse polonaises to be worn with belts have been revived. The back breadths are kilt plaited.

New York ladies wear the hair in a close French twist; the most elegant Parisians are reviving the waterfall, worn in a net.

Dark blue, seal brown, and invisible green foulards are trimmed with white English embroideries for country and seaside wear.

Red bows, red facings, pipings, and broad red snakes relieve every Parisian toilet of ivory, cream, dark blue, green, black or gray.

A fashionable woman wears only one petticoat, gored to fit like wax around her hips; an ultra fashionable one wears no petticoat at all.

Shepherd check polonaises, trimmed with black velvet pipings, bows, buttons and side pockets, are worn over skirts of black velvet at the seaside.

Cotogan nets, in which the loosely braided Cotogan loop of hair hangs, are much worn in Paris, and are adopted by a few ladies at our own seaside resorts.

The corsage of the most elegant summer toilets is cut heart shaped in the back, back, and front, to be worn over embroidered or lace trimmed chemisettes.

Summer Diet.

The *London Medical Examiner* tells us that with the change of weather all sensible people change their diet. Fish should replace meat both at breakfast and luncheon, while fresh salads and well cooked fruit should be taken instead of indigestible pastry and innutritious confections. Milk and water may be drank by children and young people up to eighteen years of age, or for those who prefer it the milk may be combined with one of the natural mineral waters, such as Tarasp or Apollinaris. No more powerful stimulant should be taken than claret or sherry by those who feel they must have something more than water, while those who are wise will adopt the most simple form of diet and avoid all unnatural extremes.

Whose?

A little mound of earth alone,
With matted, stunted grass o'ergrown,
A lonely haunt in graveyard plot,
By every former friend forgot,
Yet stranger steps I could but choose
Stay by that grave, not knowing whose!

What need of sculptured stone to tell
Who slept beneath was sleeping well?
What need to know the sleeper's name?
To us or him 'twas all the same!
Life's story still I could pursue,
Beside this grave, not knowing whose?

"Dust to dust!" the end of earth,
The end of dreams our life gives birth;
The summing up of all our fame,
Who here, a thing without a name!
A matted sod, a lonely spot,
By grieving friends at last forgot!

Not knowing whose, what worth to us
His name, his age, or history?
Did earth resound once with his crime,
Or mayhap with his deeds sublime;
What boots since o'er him hangs the pall
Oblivion weaves and spreads for all?

One of the millions gone before,
Whose steps are washed from off time's shore
A matted sod the only trace
That's left as landmark to his race,
Where or likewise one comes to muse
Beside his grave, not knowing whose!

JOSHUA WHEAT'S COURTSHIP.

Did you ever see a bashful man? If you have, then you have seen the most awkward, ungainly creature among human bipeds. Now there may be something attractive and interesting in the shrinking timidity of a blushing girl, but a bashful man, who ever pities him? Though despised by one sex, and laughed at by the other, always doing what he never intended to do, and saying what he never intended to say, he is one of the most pitiable objects in existence.

To be sure in these days of brass and assurance, when everybody thinks himself as good as his neighbor, and a good deal better, they are very rare. But still they are to be met with occasionally, though they are quickly disappearing, and probably in a few years there will be no trace of them left.

My friend, Joshua Wheat, was one of this unfortunate class of people. I say was, for he has wonderfully improved of late years. But I will not anticipate.

No one could have seen Joshua enter a room where there was company, and especially ladies, without being aware of this peculiarity of his. He generally either blundered along, looking red or foolish, or shot hurriedly in, with a white, scared face, hiding himself as soon as possible from observation, behind a door, or in a corner. If there was a chair or stool anywhere in the room, which was very apt to be the case, he generally managed to stumble over it, which was not at all calculated to increase his self-possession or add to the grace of his entrance. If a pretty girl spoke to him, he stammered and turned all sorts of colors, looking as frightened and ashamed as if he had been convicted of sheep stealing.

Poor Joshua! there certainly never was a man who had a higher opinion of the better part of creation, or was more capable of appreciating the blessings of matrimony; yet he had reached the age of twenty-eight without being one step nearer towards realizing them than he was eight years before.

He had five brothers; but, though none of them had half his good looks or sense, they possessed what he did not, plenty of assurance, and a tact of showing all they did know, and were all married and happily settled in life, while he remained a forlorn, disconsolate bachelor.

It was not from want of means to support a wife, for he had plenty of this world's goods, a well stocked farm, a nice new house, besides some money in the bank. It certainly was not for the want of girls, for there were scores of them in the town where he lived, of all sorts and sizes, black eyed, blue eyed and gray eyed, and eyes of no color at all. No; Joshua Wheat remained unmarried because he had not courage enough sufficient to look any one of the girls in the face, and say: "I love you—will you marry me?"

These words are very simple, and to the uninitiated seem very easily spoken; yet I have known many a man's courage to fail him at the thought of saying them, who would have rode into the front of the fiercest and hottest battle without the shadow of a fear.

At last, all girls of Joshua's acquaintance were married to braver, if not better men—all but one, Mary Dearborn, the prettiest one among them all, and as good and sensible as she was pretty. Mary had suitors plenty, but she turned a cold shoulder to them all, being fairly determined in her own mind, that if she married at all, she would have nobody but Joshua Wheat.

Joshua had taken a great shine to Mary ever since they were children; they used to go to school together, in the little red schoolhouse on the hill, he drawing her to and from school in the winter on his little sled, and bringing her apples as red and shining as her rosy cheeks.

When they grew older, he exhibited his preference for her, though in a somewhat different manner. Every Sabbath, after meeting was over, he would post himself at the church door, to escort her home; and in the evening, arrayed in his "Sunday best," he might have been seen striking a bee-line for Squire Dearborn's. At about nine o'clock the old folks would go off to bed, leaving Joshua and Mary together. And there he would sit, looking straight into the fire, and scarcely daring to move or breathe, with the momentous question trembling on the very tip of his tongue, yet never leaving it; no nearer the object of his visit when he left the house than when he entered it.

Things went on in this way for several months, but at last an event occurred which gave Joshua quite a start. A son of Dr. Hale, the village physician, came home from college, where he had graduated, it was said, with considerable distinction. He was a tall, lank, smooth faced fellow, with more learning than brains, and more brass than either. He saw Mary in church the first afternoon, and took a great fancy to her, and commenced paying her considerable attention.

Young Hale had always been Mary's particular aversion. She had disliked him from his boyhood. But she did not scruple to flirt with him a little, hoping to arouse Joshua's jealousy, and bring him to the point.

It seemed to have its effect; for, learning that Mr. Lawrence, one of his neighbors, intended to give a party, and having obtained an inkling in some way that that village chap, as he termed his rival, intended to take Mary, he went over to Squire Dearborn's early next morning, and asked her himself.

Delighted at the success of her manœuver, Mary gave a smiling consent, and, at the appointed time, much to the chagrin of the young collegian, who had intended to appropriate her to himself, she went accompanied by Joshua.

Alarmed at the bare possibility of losing her, Joshua appeared like a new man; and, instead of moping in some corner, as was his wont, not daring to speak to her or any one else, he remained by her side during the whole evening, scarcely quitting her for a moment, and then only when she requested him to bring her some refreshments.

Mr. Hale, who had viewed Joshua's attentions to Mary with a jealous eye, heard this request, and being well aware of Joshua's blundering propensities, very maliciously placed a stool directly in his way. Pretty soon Joshua came back, and, instead of walking around the stool, as any one else would have done, he stumbled over it, and sprawling full length upon the floor, landed the contents of his hands, which consisted of a cup of coffee, and a plate heaped with doughnuts, pumpkin pie, and various other eatables, directly in Mary's lap.

This unexpected feat produced quite a sensation. Mary set up a loud scream, and the rest of the company rushed to see what was the matter; and it was some time before order was restored.

When the tumult had in a measure subsided, Mary looked around her for the unlucky cause of it, but he was nowhere to be found. Mortified at the ridiculous figure he had cut, and the merriment of those who had witnessed it, he had rushed from the house, and never stopped or slackened his speed until he had reached his room, and bolted the door, firmly resolving, as he did so, that he would never speak to, or even look at a girl again so long as he lived.

Poor Mary was more annoyed at Joshua's evident discomfiture than at the loss of her dress, which was nearly ruined; and she conceived a stronger dislike than ever to the young collegian, who she was quite sure was at the bottom of it all. She resolutely declined his proffered escort, at the close of the entertainment, going home with one of her brothers, leaving him the alternative of attending some other lady, or going home by himself.

Two Sundays passed, and Joshua did not come near her; and, on the Monday following, Mary put on her bonnet and shawl, and went over to his house, for the ostensible purpose of having a gossip with old Mrs. Wheat, who lived with her son, but in reality to find out what had become of her sensitive lover.

Much to her disappointment, Joshua was not home, though she saw a coat-tail quickly disappear through an opposite door as she entered the room, which she shrewdly conjectured belonged to him.

After sitting awhile and chatting with the old lady, with whom she was quite a favorite, Mary arose to go, saying, as she did so, that she guessed she would go across the lots, as it was considerably nearer.

She accordingly passed out the back way. As she was going through the garden, she caught a glimpse of Joshua in an adjoining orchard, walking disconsolately among the trees laden with their delicate fruits, and looking as though he hadn't a friend in the world.

He started and colored, as his eyes fell upon Mary.

"Why, Mr. Wheat," she exclaimed, in a tone of surprise, "who would have thought of finding you here? Why, I haven't seen you for an age. Have you been sick?"

"Yes—no—that is, I haven't been very well, lately," stammered poor Joshua, looking as if he had half a mind to run away.

"You don't say so! You are looking pale," said Mary, with the appearance of great sympathy, glancing mischievously at his face, which was growing redder every moment, and which certainly showed no signs of ill health.

"What a beautiful situation!" she resumed, after a pause, looking admiringly around on the well cultivated farm. "There is only one thing wanted to make you comfortable," she added, slightly, "and that is a wife. What in the world is the reason you don't get married, Joshua?"

"I—I—really don't know," he gasped; "there—there won't anybody have me."

"Fiddlesticks!" was the laughing rejoinder; "I know better than that. There are plenty that would, if you would take the trouble to ask them. I know of one, at least," she added, in a lower tone.

"Re, but really, do you?" inquired Joshua, earnestly. "Who can it be?"

This was rather too much; and growing indignant at either his stupidity or want of courage to take advantage of the opportunity she gave him, she remained silent.

"What a singular looking apple that is that you hold in your hand!" she remarked, at last, breaking the embarrassing silence that ensued.

"Yes," returned Joshua. "It's a new kind I grafted last year, and the only one that came to perfection. Won't you have it, Miss Mary?" he added, looking at her timidly.

"Will I have you, Joshua? Of course I will," said Mary, with the most innocent air imaginable.

Joshua was thunderstruck, scarcely daring to believe his ears.

"Are you in earnest, Mary?" he inquired, looking anxiously into her face.

"To be sure I am," she returned, laughing and coloring; "and we will married next Christmas."

Unable to contain himself, Joshua immediately threw his arm around Mary, and ratified the bargain with a kiss, at which performance Mary manifested not the slightest objection or displeasure.

On the following Christmas there was a merry wedding at 'Squire Dearborn's, at which our friends, Joshua and Mary, were the chief actors.

And now, the staid, dignified looking man, who walks into church with such an important air, with his wife on one side and their little boy on the other, would hardly be recognised as that blundering, awkward fellow, Joshua Wheat.

His Water Tax.

Some funny incidents occur at the city hall in Boston in the payment of taxes, water rates, etc.

Among the crowd who were in attendance at the water register's office a short time ago was an irate individual, evidently from one of the annexed wards, who, thrusting a brawny arm, to which was attached a tanned fist holding a water bill, across the counter, growled:

"Look 'a here. How's this? You have just doubled up my bill of last year."

The register himself happening to be in attendance, asked the name and address, and being informed, turned to a page in a bulky book and then said:

"What was your business last year, Mr. Chalker?"

"Provision dealer," said the surly one, gruffly.

"You do not follow the same business you did when your bill was half this amount?" said the bland official.

"No, I don't," said the complainant, not seeing the trap, and adding, with a naivete which sent a widening grin over the office, "I am in the milk business now."

The blonde mustache of the register dropped a little closer over his mouth as he closed the book and the conversation with the remark:

"We cannot charge you any less for water, Mr. Chalker, at the present price of milk."

A Little Boy's Plaything.

A four-year-old son of one Riley, living on the old Milford and Owego turnpike, in Blooming Grove township, Pa., came into the house lately carrying a rattlesnake. He had one hand clasped tightly about its neck, and the other above its rattles. The mother of the child was terrified, and screamed to the boy to throw the snake on the floor, which he did. It coiled in a second and filled the room with the din of its rattles. Mrs. Riley seized the broom, and soon dispatched the serpent. Her little boy cried over the death of his venomous plaything, and said there were more where he got that, and he would go after another one.

Mrs. Riley summoned her husband from an adjoining field. He asked the child to show him where he got the snake. He led the way into the scrub oaks about a quarter of a mile from the road, to a small ledge of rock, in which there were many fissures. There, basking in the sun, the farmer saw dozens of rattlesnakes. He took his child in his arm and hurried away from the spot. Procuring the assistance of a hired man, the two, armed with flails, returned to the den. They attacked the serpents, thrashing right and left. For five minutes the contest waged, the noise made by the rattles of the snakes being almost deafening. Riley and his man killed twenty-one of the reptiles, and many escaped into the fissures in the rock. Riley's little boy had wandered alone to this dangerous place, and had captured the snake and taken it home. It was two feet and a half long, and had seven rattles.

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H. F. Barbour - - Editor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1876.

Republican Nominations.

FOR PRESIDENT,
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES,
OF OHIO.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM A. WHEELER,
OF NEW YORK.

Republican County Convention.

All citizens of McKean County who are opposed to repudiation in whatever form it presents itself; who believe in equal and exact justice to every human being; who believe that the United States of America is a nation and not a league; who believe in a civil service making appointments under government dependent upon the honesty, fidelity and capacity of the appointee; and who desire good government, good will, good money and universal prosperity, are requested to meet at their respective places for holding elections in each township and borough on

Saturday, September 2, 1876,

at 7 o'clock P. M., and select two delegates from each township and borough to represent them in a County Convention to be held in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

Wednesday, September 6, 1876.

at 10 o'clock A. M. This Convention will select a candidate for Member of Assembly, and two candidates for Associate Judges, and will also name the choice of the Republicans of McKean county for Member of Congress and State Senator, and select delegates to the senatorial and congressional Conventions, and transact such other business as may come before it.

By order of Co. Com
H. F. BARBOUR,
Chairman.

Our Next Congressman.

We have this fall to elect a Member of Congress to succeed the present Member, Hon Sobieski Ross, of Potter county, whose term expires on the 4th of next March. The district—the sixteenth—embraces the counties of Cameron, McKean, Lycoming, Potter, Sullivan and Tioga. It is a large and important district, and should be ably and honorably represented. The district has an undoubted Republican majority, and upon the Republican party rests the responsibility of a creditable representation in the next Congress. The present, Forty-fourth, Congress is Democratic. The next, Forty-fifth, Congress will be Republican. The Sixteenth district must do its share toward making the next Congress as eminent in ability, purity and character as the present Democratic Congress has been contemptible for its incompetence, self-seeking and partisan meanness. This can be done by selecting as our candidate the most able and pure man in the district who will accept the nomination. He must be a man who will give dignity and character to the office and reflect honor upon his district and his party; a politician in the highest and best sense of the term. But who shall it be? There have been but few names mentioned in connection with the nomination. Among those mentioned we have heard of none that would more fully meet with the approbation of the people at large or more completely satisfy the requirements of the situation than that of Hon. H. W. Williams, of Tioga, the present President Judge of this Judicial District. It would no doubt be at a great personal sacrifice that Judge Williams would accept the nomination, but as a matter of duty at the request of his constituents he should, and we think would be, prevailed upon to throw aside the *otium cum dignitate* of the Bench for the wider more stirring, useful though onerous duties of the halls of Congress, even at the sacrifice of personal interests. And while the Bench of this Judicial District would endure much loss in his retirement, yet what we might lose in our judicial interests would be more than gained in the added character and dignity of our Congressional representation. No man whom we could name is more trusted and honored through the entire district, and with him as a candidate the nomination on the part of the opposition would be more than ever a mere matter of form. With Judge Williams as our candidate, the highest standard of excellence in nominations would be attained; the most scrutinizing demands of the people for the selection of the best man for nomination to office would be satisfied. We hope he will early signify his willingness to accept, for that, it is needless to say, is all that is necessary to secure his nomination, which means his election.

CRAWFORD county will be represented in the Senate by Frank Mantor, of Conneautville; and in the House of Representatives by W. B. Roberts, S. H. Findley, O. O. Potter and C. W. Tyler, these gentlemen being the Republican nominees.

Repudiation Inaugurated.

Almost simultaneous with the advent of Tilden's letter of acceptance denouncing the resumption act and declaring for repudiation we receive the news that the Democratic House of Representatives has by a vote of 103 to 86 assented to the same policy of national dishonesty.

We have heretofore referred to the efforts of the soft money Democrats to effect the passage of this repeal measure, and the consistent opposition of the hard-money minority of the same party. The unnecessary delay of Tilden's letter was only measured by the tardy action of the House on the repeal. This action having been taken, there was no cause to withhold the letter. Both are given to the country at once, and both serve no other purpose than to show how complete and abject is the surrender of the pretended hard money Democracy and their sham hard money, sham reform candidate to the wishes of the inflationists and the demands of their dishonest platform for the repudiation of the solemn pledge of the nation to resume in 1879. The action of the Democratic majority of the House in passing the repeal or repudiation of the resumption act was a gratuitous piece of turpitude. The act will not be repealed this session, nor next. An honest Senate and Executive stand in the way of such dishonorable schemes. The act will stand, and will be observed. The Democratic party has only succeeded in staining the honor of the nation and ruining its own prospects. For the benefit of those of our Democratic friends who have tried to make themselves believe that theirs was a hard money party, we will state that there were 106 votes for repudiation, of which the Democrats furnished 98 and the Republicans only 8. There were 86 votes against repudiation, of which the Republicans furnished 80 and the Democrats 26. Thus the Democrats stood 98 to 26 for repudiation; the Republicans stood 60 to 8 against it. This vote is significant, and shows plainly enough on which party the country must rely for honest money. We have some Democratic friends in this county whom we have believed to be honest, and judged from their talk to be anything but repudiationists. What do they think of the situation?

The County Convention

In this issue of the MINER the Chairman of the Republican County Committee announces the time of meeting of the next County Convention. The call is issued full four weeks from the time of the meeting of the Convention that there may be ample notice and that none may have reason to complain on that score. The time of the meeting of the Convention is fixed about two months before the election, thus giving ample time for a full, fair and exhaustive discussion of the merits of the candidates and the issues of the campaign.

As is specified in the call, there is to be nominated one candidate for Member of Assembly and two candidates for Associate Judges in our own county; it will also devolve upon the Convention to name its choice for Congressman from the Sixteenth district, in which McKean county is embraced, and for a State Senator, subject to the decision of the conferees from the counties Tioga, Potter and McKean. In regard to the choice for Member of Congress we believe we have signified elsewhere who would be the choice of the Republicans of the county. The State Senator has been chosen from Potter and Tioga for the last three terms, and in case McKean asserts its rights, which we believe it should and will, the choice of the next State Senator will rest in the coming County Convention.

It is hoped that there will be a full delegation from every borough and township at this convention, that they will come with the determination to select as candidates the best men in the party, and to "take no steps backward."

THE inflation journals are sure Gov. Tilden's letter means precisely what they have been fighting for, and the hard-money journals of the Democratic party are equally sure it contains no concession to the inflationists, but means hard money all the time; and they both prove their claims by extracts. Perhaps this conflict of opinion does not display a genuineness in the letter itself; but it is worthy of note that no inflationist has been able to find any comfort in Gov. Hayes's letter, and no one else has had any trouble in understanding precisely what it means.

THE Republican Conferees of the Twenty-fifth Congressional District of this State have unanimously nominated Gen. Harry White, of Indiana county, who was defeated two years ago by Hon. George A. Jenks. A split on the Senatorial question at that time contributed to the success of the Democracy, but as everything is harmonious now there is no reason why Gen. White should not be triumphantly elected.

THE present session of Congress, says the Philadelphia *Ledger*, threatens to be among the longest on record. The one which to this time outranks all others in duration is that of 1849–50, when the famous slavery-compromise measures of 1850 were passed. This continued from December 3, 1849, to September 30, 1850. In 1862 the first war Congress continued in session till July 17, and in 1866 the session continued till July 28.

THE House investigations the present session are an expensive luxury. The total amount of witness' fees that have been allowed by the Committee on Accounts up to Monday last is $60,104 66. There are other accounts for witness fees and milage outstanding to the amount of $15,000. This swells the witness account to $75,000. The expense for stenographers is about $25,000; for extra committee clerks, messengers, stationery, &c., $25,000 more. Total, $125,000. In addition to this there is about half a million dollars or more for printing the testimony.

THE Cincinnati *Commercial* prints a few facts derived from Parton's "Manual for the Instruction of Rings," and from the Report of the Congressional Credit Mobilier Investigating Committee, proving that Samuel J. Tilden, Democratic candidate for President, was the attorney of the Credit Mobilier swindle; the legal adviser of the ring that purchased the franchise of the "Pennsylvania Fiscal Agency," changed its name to the "Credit Mobilier of America," proceeded to hire itself to build the Union Pacific Railroad, and pocketed a net profit of over forty three millions of dollars on the cost of construction! Not only was he the legal adviser, but he was one of the stockholders to the extent of $20,000. The testimony of Cornelius S. Bushnell was that Mr Tilden was one of the legal advisers of the Ring "from the first," and his advice was, that the enterprise they had undertaken, and in which he had $20,000 invested, was lawful. Those who look upon Mr. Tilden as the true and only exponent of reform before the people, says the *Commercial*, can digest the facts at their leisure.

WE have already referred to the partisan outrage committed by the House in seating Mr. Goode as Representative of the Second District of Virginia, instead of Mr. Platt, the Republican candidate, who was fairly elected. As it was one of the grossest and most barefaced outrages ever perpetrated in Congress, it deserves to be well understood. There was no question that Mr. Platt received a majority of the votes cast, though a majority of the election inspectors were Democrats. But the law requires the returns to be sealed up. In one of the townships of the district they were sewed up in a bag instead of sealed, and in another locked in a tin box. No suggestion of any fraud was attached to this variation from the letter of the law, but on this technicality the vote of these two townships was thrown out by the House, and Mr. Goode was admitted. It is folly to talk of fairness or even common honesty among Democrats when such things are done in the face of a Presidential election.—Buffalo *Express*.

IN accordance with the new principle laid down by the Democratic party at St. Louis, the Democrats of the House of Representatives on Saturday removed one of the "hinderances" to resumption by withdrawing the promise to resume. Upon that principle Democrats who hold notes of hand will surrender them to the debtors, and insist upon changing the claims to book accounts. To fix a date for payment is a "hindrance" to payment. "you've "got my note at six months," says "the debtor; won't you please erase "the date and signature, so that I "shall be sure to pay it some time? "The existence of the note annoys "me in my business and is a 'hin-"derance' to my prosperity." And of course any creditors who understands finance according to Tilden and Hendricks will do it.—N. Y. *Tribune*.

THE election for State officers took place in Alabama on Tuesday. The Democrats carried the State, as was expected, by increased majorities. Having obtained control of the State by force, which was Republican up to 1874, they have profited admirable by the Tilden and Tweed lessons of fixing majorities to suit themselves.

ENGROSSED in the busy work of investigating and President making, of maturing river and harbor Treasury grabs, and colossal bounty swindles, the Democratic House has several times brought the wheels of Government to the verge of stoppage, by its neglect to provide the means for paying its legally appointed servants. It has thrice been compelled to adopt the unprecedented make-shift of appropriating in gross, for the period of ten days, all the last year's appropriations, in order that the wheels of this great Government might be saved from stopping entirely. These ten days expedients, thrice renewed, are a lasting disgrace to the improvident and incompetent Congress which has enacted them. Such vague, and loose, and indefinite appropriations, without specification as to amount, are the very things which these Democratic reformers have long been crying out against. And now, by their own misappropriation of time and neglect in maturing appropriation bills on the scale they desired, for many months after the rules of the House itself required them to be reported for action, they have found themselves compelled to re enact every extravagance they have charged upon their Republican predecessors—to let the Government go into involuntary bankruptcy, or else keep it moving by a hand-to-mouth style of support, worthy only of a cross-roads country grocery shop. Statesmanship? Bless your soul, reader, if the Republican party has lost the art, it is very certain that the Democratic party hasn't found it.—Cincinnati *Commercial*.

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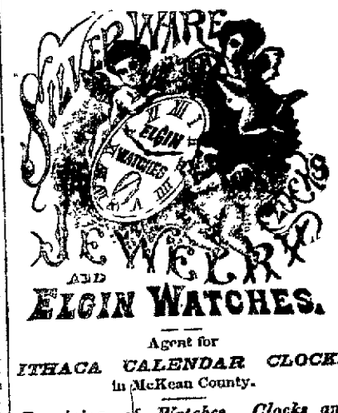

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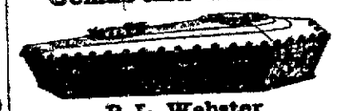

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—The jail is empty. All the prisoners have been bailed out, and Sheriff King has several desirable rooms to let.

—About two hundred men are at work on the State Hospital for the Insane at Warren, and 20 bricklayers are at work on their new Court House.

A STRAW.—The Republicans of Portsmouth, N. H., have just elected their Mayor by 332 majority, a gain of nearly 300 votes. The Councils are also strongly Republican. Boom!

—The Wild Cat club will play the Clermont club on the Wild Cat grounds next Saturday afternoon. The game will be an interesting one, as the Smethport club have a few laurels to recover.

—J. E. Orvatt, of Norwich township is getting to be a valiant bear hunter. He killed one a few days ago in the road after firing several shots into him and barely escaping a hand-to-hand encounter. Good for Johnnie. Tally another score.

—The Presbyterians of Kane are building a very fine Church edifice. It is to be a stone structure and located about 150 feet east of the Thompson House on the opposite side of railroad track.

—In publishing the list of officers of the Bradford Hayes and Wheeler Club, last week, the following list of Vice Presidents was inadvertently omitted: Lewis Emery, A. L. Hughes, S. L. Wilson, E. W. Coddington, P. L. Webster, and C. H. Foster.

—Don't forget the picnic at Crosby Station tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. We predict that it will be a very pleasant affair, and every penny of the proceeds will be used for a very worthy charitable purpose, to which any of us would willingly donate if asked.

—Several of our democratic friends started out with courage and enthusiasm to read Sam. Tilden's letter. They stumbled along bravely until they struck that terrible word "sentence," and at last accounts were still struggling with it. They'll probably stay there all summer.

—Any man who may erect a good watering trough on any public road, is entitled to a sum of money not exceeding eight dollars annually from the Supervisors or road Commissioners of the township or borough in which it is located. This is under an act of Last winter.

—It should be known to every person taking up an estray that the same must be immediately advertised by publishing a notice in the manner prescribed by Law. A person who keeps an animal without advertising it is liable to be indicted by the Grand Jury and punished accordingly.

—A few years ago, the Commissioners at considerable expense, laid pipe to convey water to the jail and county buildings. For a few weeks past there has been no water and a good deal of grousing thereupon. A few days ago it was discovered that the faucet in the cellar was turned the wrong way, which accounted for the lack of water. Next.

—A match game of base ball was played at Clermont Saturday between the Wild Cat second nine and the Clermont club. The Clermont boys achieved the victory, gaining a score of 31 to 13 for the Smethport boys. Although our boys were so badly beaten, they came home full of pluck and loud in praise of the gentlemanly and courteous treatment they received at the hands of their opponents.

—Two nebes of Hon. L. Regent, Misses Brown and James, and Miss Nettie Wygant came near meeting with a serious accident while out riding Sunday evening. In turning around to return home they managed in some mysterious manner to push the axle entirely through one of the forward wheels, breaking all the spokes and upsetting the carriage and spilling the occupants out upon the ground. The horses started to run but were caught by John Carkey before any more damage occurred. Fortunately none of the ladies were seriously injured, though considerably shaken up and frightened.

—A correspondent from Keating to the Warren Mail complains that the oil men visiting that point don't act as if they meant business, as they are too anxious to lease on long time. He makes one exception, as follows:

Capt. Marsh is a captain, means business, manages his own affairs, got a magnificent derrick up, foundation for a rig well as the bills, new casting of the best quality on the ground. Will soon have the drill plunging towards the oil. We must all give Capt a fair chance. He only asks to give him the first chance, if we can do better than he can afford he will be satisfied.

OIL DESTROYED BY LIGHTNING.—Lightning has destroyed a greater amount of oil this year than any other agency, and the loss from that cause has been far greater than ever before during the same period, about three months. The following statement shows the number of barrels destroyed:

Parker, April 12, 45,000; Shugo, April 13, 1,000; Oil City June 3, 44,000; Petrolia, June 8, 300; Petroleum Center, June 13, 300; Bradford, June 13, 25,000; Troutman, June 17, 3,000; Fairview, June 26, 21,000; Kyle farm, July 2, 100; Pittsburgh, July 9, 12,000; Millerstown, July 11, 25,975; Pittsburgh, July 12, 1,500; Beaver City, July 13, 1,000; Dirk station, July 20, 60; 360, minor fires, 4,000; total, 246,241.

Another Oil Well.

We are glad to be able to state that there is a certain prospect of another oil well being put down in the vicinity of this borough. The required leases have been obtained and all the preliminary arrangements about completed, and we are assured that work will be begun in a few days. Mr. Wm. Haskill is the originator and controlling operator in this enterprise, and should it prove successful will be entitled to the greater share of the credit. He is confident of the existence of oil in this vicinity, so confident that he is willing to spend his money to prove it. He is a shrewd, careful man, and would not invest his money without good grounds for a reasonable return. We sincerely hope that his highest expectations in this undertaking will be realized, when we will all have reason to be thankful that we had one man in the borough who had not lost all heart and courage.

Look to the Assessments.

Our friends in the different districts should take prompt measures to see that the name of every Republican voter is placed on the proper tax duplicate. The law requires that the assessor shall, before the first Monday of August, post a copy of the duplicate on the house where the election is to be held, and retain the other in his possession for the inspection of any person [illegible] Any person claiming the right to vote may have his name placed on the duplicate, if it is not already thereon, by applying personally to the assessor. Generally speaking, no person can vote who has not paid a State or county tax within two years of the election, which tax must be assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election. But even where such tax has been paid, it is of the first importance that the voter's name should be placed on the duplicate before the 5th day of next September, so as to save trouble, delay and confusion on the day of election. A little prompt attention to this matter now may save votes and a good deal of work hereafter. Let it be looked after in time.

The Hayes and Wheeler Club.

The meeting of last Saturday evening was one of the most interesting ones of the campaign thus far. The principal incidents of the evening were short addresses by Dr E. G. Brown, W. J. Milliken and L. Rogers. Dr Brown's remarks were earnest and convincing, and retained the attention of the audience by the evident perfect and intelligent conviction of the speaker of the truthfulness of his utterances. He has evidently read much and thought deeply upon the important issues of this campaign. W. J. Milliken had just arisen from a perusal of Sam Tilden's foggy letter of acceptance, and he was fairly "boiling over" with indignation at the gross misstatements and braggart claims of the sham reformer, and his speech of 20 minutes was a complete reply to the long winded letter. We have heard Milliken make many fine speeches, but none better than this one "on the spur of the moment." Mr. Rogers followed in a scathing denunciation of the dough-face Democratic policy of giving the control of the government into the hands of the unrepentant members of the ex-Confederate army. The meeting throughout was full of interest and profit, and our Republican friends who were not there have reason to regret their absence.

The Hinsdale Well a Failure.

The Hinsdale oil well, which is one of the best wells of the Bradford Oil Company, is perfectly dry, no third sand even being found. The Era of last week says: The well is located on a 45° line run from the State line, starting from a point near the Wing & Lockwood well No 1, which was known for a long time as a twenty-five barrel well, but which is now doing somewhat less. The first wild-cat adventure drilled by this company on or near this line is the Allegany well, which is undoubtedly dry so far as third sand oil is concerned. The rock formations were found to be much like the same here, and some oil was found in the shale rock below the second sand; but the quantity was very limited and there was very little or no gas. The well was located a short distance west of the line, at a distance of about eight miles from the State line. The owners are by no means discouraged by the results attained, and entertain the theory that as the rock at that distance retains its distinctive character, other ventures between the State line and the Allegany well will be much more likely to be successful, accordingly, before the enterprise is abandoned, other wells will be put down, and the locality thoroughly tested. The Hinsdale well on the same line ten miles farther, or eighteen miles from the State line wells, has no third sand rock at all, and makes it plain that the oil bearing rock gradually disappears until its place is taken by slate or other rock. The well is located a few rods east of the 45° line.

—The Era of last week says: The Fuller well at Tarport is flowing a hundred barrels a day from shale rock. It began to flow at ten o'clock Monday night, and before morning made six flows, four of which were lost. The flows amounted to more than eighty barrels. The oil was struck at a depth of 370 feet. It flows every few minutes. From 11 o'clock Monday night up to 5 o'clock, it put in thirty-five inches into a two hundred and fifty barrel tank.

Dressmaking.

Mrs. G. C. Mekler is prepared to do all kinds of plain and fancy dressmaking in the latest styles and at reasonable prices, at her residence on Green street. Give her a call. 41-3m

—The Wing & Grobeck well, Roy farm, Warren, struck last Thursday and filled a 250 barrel tank in 24 hours. The flow since that has been at least 150 barrels daily. So says the Mail.

Obituary.

MISS GERTRUDE WELLINGTON.

The death of Miss Gertrude Wellington (formerly a teacher of this county) which occurred at Napa City, California, June 19, 1876, was a blow which struck not only the affections of private friends but also the entire community to which she was related. For two years previous and up to the time of her death she had been Preceptress of the Napa City Collegiate Institute, in which position, as a teacher of rare skill and experience and as a lady of high moral and intellectual culture she commanded the unqualified respect of all. Miss Wellington rose to the high position of usefulness and influence which she held in life by her own unaided exertions. Neither wealth, nor influential friends nor capricious fortune contributed to that steady growth, which, at last lifted her up to nobleness and honor. The writer of this article well remembers her early struggles as a student of the classics preparing her mind for the higher duties of her profession and as a teacher in our common schools, and can bear witness to the unwearied assiduity, the thorough mastery, and honest singleness of purpose with which she grappled every thing in the line of study and of duty. Her character was moulded of the best elements which were blended together in harmonious distribution without being bigoted and stern in her demands for principle without a loss of charity. Principle to her was everything—the dearest embodiment of all that was good and noble; and he was blind indeed, who could not detect in it the sacred image of the Creator, and he was a Banabas who could deface it or stretch forth his hand to drag it from the altar.

The following notice taken from a Napa City paper shows the unusual esteem in which the deceased was held:

A large concourse of people assembled at the Methodist church to-day on the occasion of the funeral of Miss Wellington. The services were very impressive; the great grief of the immediate friends and the universal sadness pervading the assembly, evincing the strong attachment and general interest felt for one whose untimely death they were there to mourn.

Miss Wellington was formerly a teacher at Elmira, N. Y., where she was held in the highest esteem as a lady of culture and noble character. Her connection with the Christian church as Preceptress of Napa Collegiate Institute as Preceptress of that institution—in which capacity she has successfully labored during the last two years has endeared her to every teacher and pupil. Of kindly bearing, ever generous and faithful, her memory is enshrined in the hearts of all who have known her.

"The good die first: And they whose hearts are dry as summer's dust, Burn to the socket."

Eldred Hayes and Wheeler Club.

The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting of the Eldred Hayes and Wheeler Club, Saturday evening, Aug 5, 1876.

RESOLVED, That we declare our abiding faith in the Republican party and its principles, as laid down in its platform at Cincinnati.

RESOLVED, That we endorse the Cincinnati nominees for President and Vice President believing them to be better men, representing better purer, and sounder principles, in government, education, finance and reform, than Samuel J. Tilden, the man who during all his life has been the means whereby our union of states was preserved a failure, the political associate of the corrupt New York City ring, the secessionists, the sham reformer and Rail Road Wrecker, or Thomas A. Hendricks, the dough faced repudiator of the Nation's solemn promises.

RESOLVED, That the election of Rutherford B. Hayes to the office of President secures the fulfillment of those promises, a man of irreproachable character and one who by of irreproachable character and one who by his example has shown us that he will do all he can to preserve the union, and in his colleague, William A. Wheeler, he has a powerful auxiliary to carry out reform—a profound scholar and an accomplished statesman; and we, therefore, pledge ourselves to use every honorable means to secure their election.

RESOLVED, That we charge the Democratic party with having the feeling of amnesty to carry with having the feeling of amnesty to that caused the rebellion of 1861; that recent atrocities committed at Hamburg, S. C., show this and that they are unwilling to accept the results of the late civil war, that their Representatives in Congress have not done what they could to prevent these crimes being committed in the South, but have tried to shield the aggressors and hide the evidence of their iniquities.

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Congress in trying to repeal the resumption act and advocating inflation have done material injury to our business interests and much towards depreciating our national credit at home and abroad.

RESOLVED, That the action of the Democrats in Congress for the past eight months, on finances, economy and civil service reform has been contemptible below contempt, disgusting beyond abhorrence, showing that they are not a safe party in whose hands the welfare of the nation would be safe.

The meeting was addressed by Wm. F. Lovejoy, of Otto, Rev. Merville and Dr. Barden and others, of Eldred. The resolutions and addresses were received with enthusiastic cheering, the meeting way then adjourned to Saturday evening, August 12.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—What is life insurance? *Apoplexy, &c.*—Many people insure their lives to benefit their families by death—how paradoxical is this. To prolong life by preserving the health would be a far more rational manner of assuring it. Apoplexy is swift and insidious in its attacks, striking its victim without a moment's warning happily, a preventive has been discovered—Holloway's Pills—the only safe and certain antidote for this disease, they cool the blood and equalize its circulation through the system. To preserve the stomach in a sound condition and the blood pure is the true secret of health—Holloway's Pills will do this most effectually, and thousands owe their actual existence to them, to the present day.

PERSONAL.—A distinguished party of gentlemen, consisting of Gen. T. L. Kane, Howard Fry, of Williamsport, J. Patterson, John B Gest, and Samuel Field, of Philadelphia, stopped at the Bennett House last night, on their way to Bunker Hill. They left early this morning. General Kane left his card at the Miner office, and we regret very much that we were not in. We will try to be up earlier next time General.

Died.

In Keating township, on Wednesday of this week, Mrs. M. A. Linore, wife of Rufus Lucore, Esq., aged 53 years.

The funeral will take place at her late residence, near Rogers' mill, Friday afternoon, August 11th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

A Pen Picture of Kane.

The following well and faithfully written portraiture of our neighboring village of Kane we copy from the Williamsport Bulletin:

We are now on the great level, the summit of the mountain chain, over two thousand feet above tide water, one of the grandest, most charming and invigorating spots in the State. The Thomson House, a magnificent hotel, luxuriously furnished and supplied with every modern convenience, stands within a few feet of where the train stops. Here the passengers take breakfast in the morning and dinner in the afternoon. The House was named after J. Edgar Thomson, the late president of the Pennsylvania railroad. It is handsomely constructed, is three stories in height, with broad piazzas running around two sides. The interior is finished with the rich native woods of that high elevation, and presents a decidedly beautiful appearance. Mr. R. M. N. Taylor, an old and popular hostelist, of Cleveland, is the reigning monarch of this charming mountain home. He not only knows how to keep a hotel but he knows how to entertain and make his guests feel at home—so much so, indeed, that they leave with regret and always come again. The attractions here are the peculiar purity and invigorating properties of the atmosphere, the dense hemlock and pine forests, the living springs of pure water which burst forth in all directions, the excellence of the hunting and fishing, and the boldness and sublimity of the distant mountain scenery. When the thermometers were marking over one hundred in the low lands, the highest point attained here was ninety. This, however, is very rare, the temperature generally ranges about the [illegible] hottest weather of the summer solstice. But the atmosphere is so pure and exhilarating that exhausted humanity soon recuperates on reaching this delightful retreat, the appetite at once improves, the constitution becomes vigorous and robust, and the tourist takes to the streams to angle for mountain trout and hunt the fleet monarchs of the forest. The great hotel stands in an enclosure of seven acres, surrounded with native oaks, winding walks, evergreens, shrubbery and flowers. Near by, is the dense native forest, stands the magnificent chateau of Gen. Thomas L. Kane, glimpses of which can be caught through the openings in the timber as the train approaches from the east. Here the general resides in royal style, surrounded by his interesting family, and dispenses his princely hospitalities with a lavish hand to all who honor him with a call in his picturesque mountain home. Gen Kane is very much like his distinguished brother, the Artic explorer, who penetrated nearer the north pole than any mortal man who has yet to solve that profound mystery. For years he has been a landed proprietor, and has under his charge more than one hundred thousand acres. While his daring brother was exploring the hidden regions of the Arctic seas, he was exploring the wilderness of the Alleghenies and setting up metes and bounds to mark the lines of vast landed possessions. When you go to Kane, call on the gentleman whose name the rustic little town now bears. Here, too, are the round house and shops of the western division of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, so that the place is not entirely a quiet retreat far away from the haunts of men, but your ears will be regaled with the music of whirling machinery and the screaming of steam whistles—those avaunt couriers of a higher civilization. Kane is 153 miles from Williamsport and 95 from Erie.

The Campaign Miner.

The MINER will be sent to any address, post-paid, from now until the 16th of November for 25 cents, in advance. Send in your names.

Picnic at Crosby Station.

There will be a picnic at the grove near the Crosby Station to-morrow afternoon, the 11th inst. A platform will be erected for dancing, and dinner will be served in the grove. The proceeds are destined for a charitable purpose. All are cordially invited.

BY ORDER OF COM.

A Big Day at Bradford.

SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE CATHOLIC SOCIETY.

Extensive preparations are under way for holding the Second Annual Picnic of the Catholic Society at Bradford. The Picnic will be held at the grove in the borough, on

TUESDAY, AUGUST, 22, 1876.

Dinner will be served on the ground, with ample temperate refreshments. In the evening the festivities will be continued in the New Town Hall now in course of erection, where with good music and dancing one cannot but enjoyably close a day full of healthful recreation and pleasure.

The Old Story.

Bilious, weak, nervous stomach disordered—could not rest nights, etc.. Well, let us see how he got out of it. He didn't make himself disagreeable and spend all his time telling people how bad he was, and that he had no faith in medicines. Oh no! he meant business. He went to the store and got a "bottle or two" and here is what he says:

LAONA, N. Y. July 28, 1872.

During the past spring I became bilious, nervous, weak, stomach disordered, could not rest nights and felt constantly oppressed by a sense of imaginary danger. I was incapacitated for business and tried several bottles of various patent medicines and to relieve such symptoms, but all to no purpose. I finally procured a bottle of Dr. Fenner's Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic. I thought I not only needed blood cleansing and liver medicine but I knew my nerves were unstrung and needed toning up. This powerful medicine stirred me up and by the time it was half gone I thought I felt worse. But I persevered and by the time it was all gone I was decidedly better. Another bottle completed the cure, and I have been well and strong since. I was so glad that I could not feel better till the work of cleansing and restoring had gone on some days. This remedy was so active that I felt poorly the first few days while the work of cleansing was going on, till the most of it was accomplished, then my improvement was rapid and permanent. If I had stopped after taking the first half bottle of the remedy and said it did me no good, because I felt stirred up by it, it would have been a great calamity to me and an injustice to what I consider the best remedy ever put before the people. I don't know what would have become of me without it.

EDGAR COLSON.

After reading this truthful recital will any perversely irreconcilable invalid still refuse to believe and insist on keeping himself sick?

For sale by all dealers in medicines and by A. B. Armstrong, agent for Smethport.

WITHOUT A PARALLEL?—We believe that the wonderful results accomplished by the use of *Shiloh's Consumption Cure*" are without a parallel in the history of Medicine. Those who disbelieve this and have occasion to try it, can be convinced without expense to themselves. Its success is so wonderful and cure that we sell it on a guarantee to cure Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Hoarseness, Asthma, Whooping-cough, Croup. In these cases or any Lung trouble don't fail to try it, it may save your life, while it will cost you nothing if it gives you no relief. Call at the Drug Store of A. B. Armstrong's, and get a trial bottle for 5 cents, or a regular size for 50 cents or $1.00.

S. C. WELLS, Sole Prop'r LeRoy, N. Y.

"*HACKMETACK*" a new and delightful Perfume sold by, A. B. Armstrong. 13-6iow-6m

For Sale.

One Store with a dwelling house attached, for sale with the entire stock of goods, consisting of a general assortment of Groceries, Dry Goods, Notions &c. - Has a pleasant location in the village of Kane. Also one House and Lot, Barn, &c., all of which will be sold at the most reasonable terms.

Enquire of or address
O. D. COLEMAN,
Kane, McKean Co., Pa.

Kane, August 10, 1876.—tf

Dissolution.

The Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, and conducted under the Firm name of YOUNG & BARDEN is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts, dues and demands in favor of said Firm will be paid to A. T. Barden, and all just debts against said Firm will be paid by A. T Barden.

W. A. YOUNG & A. T. BARDEN.

Allegany Bridge, Aug. 5, 1876. 41-4t

Platform Wagons.

Parties wishing platform wagons, open or top buggies, will find it greatly to their interest to buy of C. M Colegrove, Colegrove, Pa., who is selling a first class article cheap. Samples of these wagons can be seen at his store at Colegrove. 40-6m

Administrator's Sale.

WHEREAS letters of administration of the estate of John Martin, deceased, late of Sergeant Township, McKean County, Pa., have been granted to the subscriber, and whereas an order of the Orphan's Court of McKean county, Pa., was made June 21, A. D 1876, directing the sale of decedent's real estate, to pay debts, terms cash on confirmation. Now therefore, in pursuance of said order of sale the undersigned administrator, will expose to public sale on Saturday, August 26, 1876, at 1 o'clock p. m., of said day, the following described real estate, to wit: All that certain piece, or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Sergeant township, county of McKean, [illegible] Beginning [illegible] the west line of the Smethport and Ridgway Turnpike Road east of Gerlach's; thence north two hundred perches to a beech corner; thence east forty-eight perches to a post corner; thence south one hundred and ninety-eight perches to the turnpike road; thence westerly along said road to the place of beginning, containing about sixty acres of land and known as lot No. 6, as surveyed by H Payne.

DAVAULT MARTIN,
Administrator.

August 3, 1876.-40 4t.

Foreign Attachment.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW YORK, vs. ROBERT HALSEY AND HENRY HALSEY. *McKean County, ss:*

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: To the Sheriff of said County—Greeting: We command you that you attach Robert Halsey and Henry Halsey, late of your county, by all and singular, their goods and chattels, rights, monies and credits, lands and tenements, in whose or possessions soever the same may be, so that they be and appear before our Court of Common Pleas, to be held at Smethport, in and for said county, on the Fourth Monday of September next, there to answer The National Park Bank of a plea debt. Damages, $60,000. And also that you summon all persons in whose hands or possession the goods or chattels, rights or credits, lands or tenements of the defendants may be found, so that they be and appear before our Court on the said Fourth Monday of September next to answer what shall be objected against them, and abide the judgment of the Court thereon; and have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable H. W. Williams, President Judge of said Court at Smethport, the 26th day of July, 1876.

C. E. SARTWELL, Prothonotary.
per J. R. CHADWICK, Deputy.

[SEAL] (A true copy)
ATTEST—C. S. KING, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa. July, 28, 1876. 40-6t

Railroad Time Tables.

McKEAN & BUFFALO R. R.

Takes effect July 3, 1876.

GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	Coal.	Mail.
Clermont	6.30 p m	1.30 p m
Wernwag		1.40
Hamlin		1.52
Colegrove		1.57
Crosby		2 07
Smethport	7 25	2 20
Farmers Va.		2 35
Frisbees		2 47
Larrabees	6 30 p m	2.57 p m

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Coal.
Larrabee	11.20 a m	4.30 p m
Frisbees	11.29	4.39
Farmers Val.	11 41	4.51
Smethport	11 57	5 05
Crosby	12 12	5.23
Colegrove	12.16	5.27
Hamlin	12 20	5.31
Wernwag	12.35	5.46
Clermont	12.45 p m	5.56 p m

S. V. GODDEN, Supt.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK & PHILA. R'y

Takes effect July 3, 1876.

Going South.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Express.	Accom.
Buffalo	7.25 a m	5.15 p m	8.30 a m
Olean	10.31	8.36	4.35
Eldred	11.11	9 10	
Larabees	11 14	9.27	6.45
P't Allegany	11.33	9.55	
Emporium	12 40	11.00	

Going North.

STATIONS.	Express.	Express.	Accom.
Emporium	3 30 a m	1.45 p m	
P't Allegany	4.30	2.50	
Larabees	4.54	3.15	4.30 a m
Eldred	5 47	4.10	6.26
Olean	9.00	7.20	2 50 p m
Buffalo			

H. L. LYMAN, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
J. D. YEOMANS, Supt.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

On and after SUNDAY, JU Y 2 76 th Trains on the Philadelphia & Erio Railroad Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

NIAGARA EXPRESS	leaves	Renovo	4.20 p. m
"	"	Driftwood	5.27 p. m
"	"	Emporium	6.20 p. m
"	"	St. Marys	7.21 p. m
"	"	arr. at Kane	9.00 p. m
ERIE MAIL	leaves	Philadelphia	11.55 p. m
"	"	Renovo	11.06 a. m
"	"	Emporium	12.55 p. m
"	"	St. Marys	1.49 p. m
"	"	Kane	3.30 p. m
"	arr. at Erie		7.25 p. m
ERIE EXPRESS	leaves	Renovo	2.15 a. m
"	"	Driftwood	3.07 a. m
"	"	Emporium	4.40 a. m
"	"	St. Marys	6.36 a. m
"	"	Kane	8 20 a. m
"	arr. at Erie		10.30 a. m

EASTWARD.

DAY EXPRESS	leaves	Kane	6.05 a. m
"	"	St. Marys	7.23 a. m
"	"	Emporium	8.10 a. m
"	"	Driftwood	8.58 a. m
"	"	Renovo	10.10 a. m
ERIE MAIL	leaves	Erie	11.20 a. m
"	"	Kane	4.15 p. m
"	"	St. Marys	5.37 p. m
"	"	Emporium	6.30 p. m
"	"	Renovo	8.45 p. m
"	arr. at	Philadelphia	6.50 a. m
PHILAD'A EXPRESS	leaves	Erie	6.10 p. m
"	"	Kane	9.40 p. m
"	"	St. Marys	10.48 p. m
"	"	Emporium	11.30 p. m
"	"	Driftwood	12 07 a. m
"	"	Renovo	1.10 a. m

Day Express and Niagara Express connect east and west with Low Grade Division, and Niagara Express connects west with B. N. Y. & P. R. R.

Wm. A. BALDWIN.
Gen'l Supt.

R. O. SMITH & Co.

Would respectfully call attention to the following

DEPARTMENTS.

DRESS GOODS.

This Department is unusually attractive. Full and complete lines of Black Goods. Novelties in New Fabrics and Colorings, at prices that cannot fail to attract attention.

SHAWLS.

Novelties in Cashmere and Shetland Shawls. Large assortment Paisley Shawls.

LADIES' LINEN SUITS.

A nice assortment of Ladies' Linen Suits; also, Linens

GLOVES & HOSIERY.

Full assortments Lisle Thread, Silk and Kid Gloves. Hosiery in fine qualities, Bleached, Brown and Striped. All the Novelties in Ladies' Ties. Large assortment of Neck Ruches.

PARASOLS.

Large variety in all qualities, with French Horn, Ebony and Peal Handles.

CARPETS.

Our Carpet Stock includes the best Makes in Market, and at Prices to suit the present Times.

Our lines of DOMESTICS, HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS, BOOTS & SHOES, &c, are the largest ever opened by us.

These Goods were purchased on an unusually depressed Market. They are paid for, and all discounts secured. We are in shape to sell them cheaper than any House in Western New York. A personal examinination will convince you of our disposition so to do.

R. O. SMITH & CO.

J. Digel's Marble Factory.

ALL KINDS OF MONUMENTAL, MARBLE and STONE WORK DONE TO ORDER

PATTERSON.

J. H. PATTERSON,

JEWELER.

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May 13, 1875.

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Patching Their Clothes.

Nine o'clock. Charlie and Eddie abed sound asleep, and all these knees and elbows to be patched to-night, ready for them to put on in the morning. Ah me! Poverty truly brings toil and care. It was not always thus. There was a time, when their papa was living, I did not know that patching was one of the necessities of life. But here they are—all these great holes—staring at me, demanding work, work, work. I must work on, to keep the precious lives intrusted to my care hopeful and happy; so should them from the rude blasts of life as much as possible.

Here is Charlie' coat sleeve, poor boy! He is proud and sensitive, and it is so hard for him to wear patches. Ah, this is one of life's crosses for you, dear boy! You have begun early, but you must bear them bravely. By-and-bye you will be older and stronger, and help your widowed mother, as she is helping you now. The coat is done, Charley, and I doubt not that every stitch I have put into it will be a thorn in your proud spirit. But you must be brave, my boy. Pride and poverty are bad playmates. They never did and never will go well together.

And now for Eddie's knees. An enormous patch on each. Little, careless, neglectful! What glorious times children have with their knees. No glories in the patches and dark, and "good clothes" are his special abhorrence. No doubt fancy sitting indoors to keep his clothes clean when there are such glorious mud puddles to wade in, and so many other nice things outside! World that he might carry that happy heart, unpierced by the arrows of sorrow, all thro' life.

Patch! Patch! Wonder who invented patching? Was it Sam Patch? and did it derive its name from that illustrious character? It couldn't have been him, for he was too wild and visionary, and the inventor of patching must have been of a practical or economical turn of mind. Besides, it dates further back than that, I'm sure; for do we not read in the Bible that if we put new patches upon "old garments the rent is made worse." Whoever did invent them I wish had invented a patching machine at the same time—a noiseless one that would not waken children.

Patch! patch! Twelve o'clock, and I'm so tired, and this great patch to sew on yet. Let's see. There are thirty five stitches on this side, and three more sides just like it. That makes one hundred and forty stitches in one patch. Well, Eddie must have his pants for to-morrow if I have to work till morning for it. He must not be deprived from his "heroes" mad plan.

There goes the last stich, and the candle is burned to the socket. Now I can lay me down in peace to rest, perchance to dream of that perfect rest which we shall know when we get over on the other side, in that beautiful land where there is no poverty and where patching is unknown.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Icelandic Admonitions.

A venerable Icelandic writer, who lived at the end of the twelfth century, gives the following excellent advice for self-government, which it may surprise many a one should come from such a country and from so remote a period: "Accustom thyself to a busy and wakeful life, but not so as to injure health by over exertion. Keep aloof from sadness, for sadness is sickness of soul. Be kind and gay, sociable and changeable, that is, of easy manners, and not stiff. Avoid evil speaking, and give your counsel to him who requires it. Seek the company of the best men. Keep thy tongue carefully; it may honor—it may also condemn thee. If thou wax angry, speak little, and that little not vehemently. Men would give gold sometimes to buy back a passionate word, and I know of nothing that so destroys unity as the exchange of evil language, especially in the moment of strife; and there is no robber, no higher motive, than that by which a man can keep his own tongue from cursing, slandering and other foolish prate. There are other things to be avoided. The first found himself—as sensual excesses, games, wagers and other improprieties and vices. These are the roots of many worse evils, and unless great care be taken, will hand thee over to great shame and sin."

How They Found It.

Lanhoime, a wealthy citizen of Arras, France, bequeathed all his property to Imare Lantelle, a married niece; but an examination of his safe showed that nearly all his wealth, consisting of bonds and notes, was gone. The house was nearly torn down by the thoroughness of the search that was made, but no trace of the treasure could be found. At length the fact was revealed that M. Lantelle had hidden it himself, with the help of a servant who had afterward died. The wife of the servant knew its location, and the heiress promised to give her a house and some land if she would tell. The widow accepted the offer, and through her information 120,000 francs were discovered; but the heiress refused to make the compensation, as promised. The widow sued, and the courts have decided that the agreement was valid and must be carried out.

Interesting to Smokers.

There is one junk dealer on the east side in New York city who includes in his purchases the cigar "butts," or half smoked cigars which are scattered about on profusion in front of the hotels and saloons. These "butts" are gathered by the gang's gamins, who take their days' collection to this dealer and receive in return for their labor five cents a pound.

These butts return to trade, after being dried, ground up, and metamorphosed into stock snuff. Some of this material is cut and mixed in with other tobacco, and forms the filling of the cheapest grade of domestic cigars.

Power of the Imagination.

The Council Bluffs *Nonpareil* relates a little incident which occurred at the transfer some time ago, showing the wonderful power of the imagination upon the human mind. A coffin shaped box was received there from the East to be forwarded over the Union Pacific road. It was billed as containing a corpse, but was accompanied by no certificate, as is customary in such cases, to show that the person died of no contagious disease. In consequence of this the Union Pacific refused to receive it, and it was placed in one of the store buildings on the platform to await further advices. The telegraph was brought into requisition, but some little time elapsed before any information could be obtained. In the meantime the box became very offensive on account of the smell which emanated from it. The workmen would not approach or pass by it only when absolutely necessary. At last a dispatch was received stating that the box contained no corpse, but a metallic corpse ventilator; that the shipping clerk at the point from which it was sent had in haste omitted to add the word "ventilator"—the bill reading: "One box containing a corpse." The relief to the officials was instantaneous, and the workmen failed to discover, as they hurriedly placed the box on their any disagreeable odor.

A Cricket Saves a Ship.

In Southey's "History of Brazil" he tells how Cabez de Vaca was in a great ship going to South America with 400 men and thirty horses, and after they had crossed the equator the commander discovered that there were only three casks of water left. He gave orders to make for the nearest land, and for three days they sailed for the coast. A poor sick soldier, who had left Cadiz with them, brought a grille, or ground cricket, with him, thinking its cheerful voice would amuse him on the long dreary voyage. But to his great disappointment, the little insect was perfectly silent the whole way. The fourth morning after they had changed the ship's course the cricket, who knew what she was about, set up her shrillest note. The soldier at once give warning to the officers in charge of the vessel, and they soon saw high jagged rocks just ahead of them. The watch had been careless, and the great ship in a few moments would have been dashed to pieces on the ledge if this puny creature had not scented the land, and told them of their danger. Then they cruised along for some days, and the cricket sang for them every night just as cheerful as if she had been in far off Spain, till they got to their destined port, the island of Catalina.

Military Strength of Russia.

The *Pall Mall Gazette*, in reviewing an article in the *Madgeburg Gazette* on the Russian army, says that the introduction of universal liability to military service in Russia has proved far less effective for the purpose of increasing the forces of the empire than was expected. Instead, he says, of the army of 2,500,000 men which it was thought would ultimately be produced by the new scheme, it has now become evident that the largest force Russia can dispose of on a peace footing is 30,000 officers and 730,000 men, and on a war footing 40,000 officers and 1,200,000 men. According to the official reports, the number of men in European Russia who were liable to military service in the year 1874 was 707,000. Of these 150,000 were to form the contingent for 1875; the number actually raised, however, was 145,000. Only three and one-half per cent. of the total number of those liable did not present themselves before the authorities; but it has been found by experience that it is impossible strictly to carry out the new law, and that in any case not more than 200,000 men can be raised yearly.

"A Dutch Wife."

A necessary appendage to a well appointed bed in Java is the "Dutch wife"—a stick of bamboo, or other light and highly polished wood, five feet in length and about two feet in circumference. This is placed in every bed, and the relief afforded to the limbs of a tired sleeper in the long, hot nights by the presence of this innocent and unsophisticated bedfellow, is almost incredible. Waking in the night, you throw your arm over it, and moving it up you place it beneath your neck, lift your head from the heated pillows, and at every change you feel inclined to bless the peculiar institution, while in the morning you arise with a hearty benediction on the consoling "Dutch wife."

Destroying Flies.

Mr. A. J. Thompson, of Apex, N. C., prefers the following request for information: "You will confer a favor on me, and no doubt on many other readers of the *Sun*, by telling us what will destroy the existence of the flies." If Mr. Thompson wishes to put an end to the career of any particular flies, he can no doubt accomplish his purpose by introducing the insect into a blast furnace, or by dieting it on corrosive sublimate, or by holding it under a trap hammer; bearing always in mind that it is first necessary to catch his flies. If he means the extermination of the whole species, we can only assure him that civilization has thus far failed to discover the method.—*New York Sun.*

HIS LAST THROW.—At a base ball game at Eau Claire, Wis., the other day, a ball was knocked into the out-field. The object of the players was, of course, to get it to the home plate as promptly as possible, to present a tally. The fielder threw with great force to the young man on the second base, and the ball passed through his hands and struck him on the body. He seized the ball, threw it home, and dropped dead.

A Massachusetts jury has decided that a dog owner shall pay $3,200 to the father of a boy who was bitten.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

What is Doing in the Old World and the New.

William A. Wheeler, in accepting the nomination of the Republican convention for the Vice-Presidency, says in his letter that, "if elected, I shall endeavor to perform the duties of the office in the fear of the Supreme Ruler and in the interests of the whole country. To the platform adopted by the convention he gives his cordial consent. Upon the question of the Southern relations, he says his views were recently expressed as a member of the committee of the United States House of Representatives upon Southern affairs. While deprecating harsh judgments which make no allowance for the peculiar difficulties and dangers which beset Southern society, he is, nevertheless, firm in maintaining the right of all American citizens to equal and full protection. "This will be accomplished," Mr. Wheeler says, "only when the American citizen, without regard to color, shall wear the panoply of citizenship as fully and securely in the canebrake of Louisiana as on the banks of the St. Lawrence." The obligations of the country to the creditors, he says, must be religiously kept. The public school system should be preserved and that system kept free from sectional influence or control, and the strictest economy in the expenditures of the government are demanded.

A terrific gale passed over portions of Vermont, doing much damage to outbuildings, crops and trees. The steamer Lady of the Lake, on Lake Memphremagog had a narrow escape from shipwreck, with 200 excursionists on board. Phillips' letter to him as a fabrication and impudent prodigium ..... The wife and five-year-old child of George Dock, of Niskayuna, N. Y., were badly burned by the explosion of a can of kerosene. The child subsequently died ..... The two cooks were not lost by the steamer Mohawk's disaster, but Mr. Frost Thorn, of Chicago, and a cabin boy were drowned in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Garner and Miss Hunter. Half a million dollars' worth of blankets were sold at auction in New York at prices about thirty per cent. below those of last year ..... The French town of Gavray, near Cherbourg, was partially destroyed by fire, and four hundred persons rendered homeless..... A small steam yacht belonging at Troy, N. Y., was steaming on the Hudson, when it was swamped by the swells of a passing steamer, and of its nine occupants, five were drowned, namely: George Fox, Thomas Edgley, Jr., George Bloomfield, Jonas Faulkner and Harry Mannche.

The Newfoundland cod fishery promises an average catch. Favorable reports have been received from Labrador and the straits of Belle Isle. .. The Servians met with a defeat at the hands of the Turks, near Beljina ..... The revolutionists in Mexico have met with desiders on all sides, and now roam in small bands, carrying on a guerrilla warfare. Lerdo has been re-elected president by an overwhelming majority ..... Four of a pleasure party of six were drowned on Magnetta river, near Davenport, Iowa, by the capsizing of a boat, namely: Mrs. West, Miss Billings, Miss Hyden and a child .. The principal business portion of the town of Shelburne Falls, Mass., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, $80,000; insured $41,000. .. Gen. Sheridan will go out and take command of the operations against the Sioux in person. .. The coroner's jury acquitted the sailing master, Rowland, of criminal negligence in the Mohawk disaster ... S. L. Jewett, an artist, for many years in the employ of Harper Bros., committed suicide in Jersey City, by shooting himself in the head. Melancholia was the cause.

The Khan of Kashgar is reported to have opened hostilities against China with forty thousand men. .. Thirteen Chinese wood-choppers at work on Diamond Range mountains, near Eureka, Cal., were instantly killed by an immense waterspout. A large number of Italian choppers were swamped near by, and as no trace can be found of them, it is feared they too fell victims to the waters. ..... One hundred and twenty thousand head of buffalo were slaughtered on the Northwest plains during the past year... The Red Cloud and spotted Tail Indian agencies have been turned over to the military authorities in order to prevent embarrassments during the campaign..... James J. Ballard, a druggist of Tenafly, N. J., undertook to remove a burning jar of phosphorus from his store, when the bottom of the jar fell out, spilling the burning mass over his person and burning him so severely that it is doubtful if he can recover. During the excitement his aged mother died from an affection of the heart, brought on by her anguish.

The regular army of Mexicans defeated the insurgent, Hernandez, with 1,000 troops in his command. Hernandez, with six hundred men, was captured, with all their ammunition and supplies..... Two young daughters of H. Pratchard, near Logansport, Ind., were burned to death by the explosion of an oil can, from which they were pouring kerosene on the kitchen fire ..... An explosion in the Black Diamond coal mine, at Mount Diablo, Cal., caused the death of six miners. Five other men were seriously injured..... All volunteers for the war against the Indians are declined, but enlistment in the regular army is desired..... The tenement in the regular army is desired..... The tenement in the town of Albeare, Switzerland, was totally destroyed by fire..... The Columbian government has made a contract for the surveying of. ment has made a contract for the surveying of. ment has made a contract for the surveying of. ment